

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 4 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A ball chair with a retaining device comprising:

a seat (10) having

5 a seat frame with a top face (11), a bottom face, a front edge, and a rear edge,

multiple legs (12) attached to the bottom face of the seat frame to support the seat frame; and

a passage (15) defined in the top face (11) of the seat frame;

10 a spherical cushion (20) being a resilient bladder, having a diameter and partially received inside the passage (15) to rest on the seat; and

two retaining devices mounted respectively on and extending up from the front edge and the rear edge of the seat frame to hold the spherical cushion (20) on the seat frame: frame, wherein the two retaining devices are retaining rods (30, 40), each retaining rod (30, 40) is curved to correspond to the spherical cushion (20).

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 2; 1, wherein the seat frame further has

two front connecting ears (16) formed on two opposite sides of the front edge and each front connecting ear (16) has a through hole (162);

5 two rear connecting ears (17) formed on two opposite sides of the front edge and each rear connecting ear (17) has a through hole (172);

each end of the two retaining rods (30, 40) is a threaded end (31) to insert into one of through holes (162, 172);

10 a flange (32) is formed near each respective threaded end (31) to abut one of the connecting ears (16); and

a nut (33) is screwed onto each threaded end (31) to fasten the retaining rod (30) on the seat (10).

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) ~~The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 1;~~ A ball chair with a retaining device comprising:

a seat (10) having

5 a seat frame with a top face (11), a bottom face, a front edge, and a rear edge,

multiple legs (12) attached to the bottom face of the seat frame to support the seat frame; and

a passage (15) defined in the top face (11) of the seat frame;

10 a spherical cushion (20) being a resilient bladder, having a diameter and partially received inside the passage (15) to rest on the seat; and

15 two retaining devices mounted respectively on and extending up from the front edge and the rear edge of the seat frame to hold the spherical cushion (20) on the seat frame, wherein the two retaining devices are retaining walls (50, 60), and each retaining wall (50) has two ends and is curved to correspond to the spherical cushion (20).

Claim 5. (Original) The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the seat frame further has

two connecting ears (16) formed on two opposite sides of the front edge and each ear (16) has a through hole (162);

5 two connecting ears (17) formed on two opposite sides of the rear edge and each ear (17) has a through hole (172);

each end of the two retaining walls (50, 60) has a stub (52) to insert into one of through holes (162, 172).

Claim 6. (Original) The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the passage (15) is dished with a larger diameter above a smaller diameter and configured to correspond to the spherical cushion (20); and

5 the spherical cushion (20) has a diameter larger than the larger diameter in the passage whereby the spherical cushion (20) rests on the seat frame.

Claim 7. (Original) The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the passage (15) is dished with a larger diameter above a smaller diameter and configured to correspond to the spherical cushion (20); and

5 the spherical cushion (20) has a diameter larger than the larger diameter of the passage whereby the spherical cushion (20) rests on the seat frame.

Claim 8. (Original) The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 6, wherein each leg (12) has a distal end and a wheel (13) attached to a corresponding one of the distal ends of the legs (12) to enable the ball chair to be moved easily.

Claim 9. (Original) The ball chair with a retaining device as claimed in claim 7, wherein each leg (12) has a distal end and a wheel (13) attached to a corresponding one of the distal ends of the legs (12) to enable the ball chair to be moved easily.